

TABLE A
SUMMARY OF ALTERNATIVES



Photo courtesy of Yosemite Museum

The Merced River and Half Dome, early 1900s.





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Table A Summary of Alternatives		
	Alternative 1	Alternative 2
RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP		
NATURAL RESOURCES	Maintains the status quo	Restores 176 acres Redevelops 173 acres Newly develops 73 acres Reduces development by 71 acres
<i>Ecological restoration of Merced River communities (e.g., meadow and riparian communities)</i>		
River Protection Overlay	Implement the River Protection Overlay without initiating removal actions	Implement the River Protection Overlay
Campground Areas	Neither restore nor rebuild Upper and Lower River and portion of Lower Pines Campgrounds; North Pines Campground is retained	Remove Upper and Lower River, North Pines, and portion of Lower Pines Campgrounds, and restore areas to natural conditions
Housekeeping Camp	Retain Housekeeping Camp units in River Protection Overlay	Remove all Housekeeping Camp units from River Protection Overlay and restore overlay area to natural conditions
Yosemite Village Parking	Retain parking at Yosemite Village (Camp 6 area)	Consolidate day-visitor parking at Yosemite Village (Camp 6 area); remove parking from River Protection Overlay and restore to natural conditions
Yosemite Lodge	Neither restore nor rebuild area where Yosemite Lodge cabins were removed	Restore Yosemite Lodge cabin area, Hemlock motel unit area , and site of employee tent cabins to natural conditions
Concessioner Stable	Retain concessioner stable	Restore concessioner stable area to natural conditions
Meadows	Stoneman, Ahwahnee, Sentinel, Cook's, El Capitan, and Bridalveil Meadows remain bisected by roads and utilities	Remove roads and utilities through Stoneman and south Ahwahnee Meadows and restore to natural conditions
Historic Bridges	All bridges remain	Remove bridges and restore adjacent riverbanks to natural conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sugar Pine• Stoneman, if necessary upon further evaluation
Yellow Pine	Yellow Pine remains as NPS volunteer group campground	Restore Yellow Pine area to natural conditions
Backpackers and Group Campgrounds	Campsites remain at Backpackers; neither restore nor rebuild Group Campground	Relocate Backpackers and Group Campgrounds and restore areas to natural conditions
Swinging Bridge Picnic Area and Associated Parking	Swinging Bridge Picnic Area remains	Remove Swinging Bridge Picnic Area and restore area to natural conditions
Historic Cascades Diversion Dam	Dam remains	Remove dam and restore hydrologic processes
Historic Curry Orchard	Parking and historic fruit trees remain in Curry Orchard	Remove historic fruit trees; remove all but 2 acres of parking and restore to natural conditions

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Restores 204 acres Redevelops 148 acres Newly develops 99 acres Reduces development by 72 acres	Restores 194 acres Redevelops 154 acres Newly develops 99 acres Reduces development by 66 acres	Restores 157 acres Redevelops 181 acres Newly develops 54 acres Reduces development by 63 acres
<i>Ecological restoration of Merced River communities (e.g., meadow and riparian communities)</i>		
Implement the River Protection Overlay	Implement the River Protection Overlay	Implement the River Protection Overlay
Remove Upper and Lower River, North Pines, and portion of Lower Pines Campgrounds, and restore to natural conditions	Remove Upper and Lower River, North Pines, and portion of Lower Pines Campgrounds, and restore to natural conditions	Remove Upper and Lower River , and a portion of Lower Pines Campgrounds, and restore to natural conditions
Remove all Housekeeping Camp units from River Protection Overlay and highly valued resources and restore these areas to natural conditions	Remove all Housekeeping Camp units from River Protection Overlay and highly valued resources and restore these areas to natural conditions	Remove Housekeeping Camp units from the River Protection Overlay and restore overlay area to natural conditions
Remove Yosemite Village (Camp 6) parking area and restore to natural conditions	Remove Yosemite Village (Camp 6) parking area and restore to natural conditions	Consolidate day-visitor parking at Yosemite Village (Camp 6 area); remove parking from River Protection Overlay and restore to natural conditions
Restore Yosemite Lodge cabin area, site where one motel unit is removed , and site of employee tent cabins to natural conditions	Restore Yosemite Lodge cabin area, site where one motel unit is removed , and site of employee tent cabins to natural conditions	Restore Yosemite Lodge cabin area, site where one motel unit is removed , and site of employee tent cabins to natural conditions
Restore concessioner stable area to natural conditions	Restore concessioner stable area to to natural conditions	Relocate concessioner stable; redevelop area
Remove roads and utilities through Stoneman and south Ahwahnee Meadows and restore to natural conditions	Remove roads and utilities through Stoneman and south Ahwahnee Meadows and restore to natural conditions	Stoneman and Ahwahnee Meadows remain bisected by roads and utilities
Remove bridges and restore adjacent riverbanks to natural conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sugar Pine• Housekeeping• Stoneman• Superintendent's	Remove bridges and restore adjacent riverbanks to natural conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sugar Pine• Housekeeping• Stoneman• Superintendent's	Remove bridges and restore adjacent riverbanks to natural conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sugar Pine• Ahwahnee
Restore Yellow Pine area to natural conditions	Yellow Pine remains as NPS volunteer group campground	Develop Yellow Pine as group and volunteer campground
Relocate Backpackers and Group Campgrounds and restore areas to natural conditions	Relocate Backpackers and Group Campgrounds and restore areas to natural conditions	Relocate Backpackers and Group Campgrounds and restore areas to natural conditions
Remove Swinging Bridge Picnic Area and restore to natural conditions	Remove Swinging Bridge Picnic Area and restore to natural conditions	Remove Swinging Bridge Picnic Area and restore area to natural conditions
Remove dam and restore hydrologic processes	Remove dam and restore hydrologic processes	Remove dam and restore hydrologic processes
Remove parking and historic fruit trees; restore area to natural conditions	Remove parking from Curry Orchard; neither remove nor cultivate fruit trees. Develop part as picnic area; long-term natural resource restoration of remainder.	Remove parking and historic fruit trees ; picnic area developed in in portion of site



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NATURAL RESOURCES		
<i>Ecological restoration of California black oak communities</i>		
The Ahwahnee Tennis Courts	Retain tennis courts	Remove tennis courts; restore area to natural conditions
Historic Superintendent's House (Residence 1)	Superintendent's House (Residence 1) remains	Relocate Superintendent's House (Residence 1) and restore area to natural conditions
<i>Ecological restoration of upland communities</i>		
Historic Ahwahnee Row Houses	Ahwahnee Row houses remain	Retain Ahwahnee Row houses
Taft Toe Parking	Taft Toe area remains as is (undeveloped)	Taft Toe area remains as is (undeveloped)
Church Bowl Picnic Area	Church Bowl Picnic Area remains in upland/California black oak community	Remove Church Bowl Picnic Area and restore to upland/California black oak community
CULTURAL RESOURCES		
<i>Archeological Resources</i>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Old sewer plant in El Portal remains, impacting prehistoric cemetery• Development remains atop known burials in Yosemite Village	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remove old treatment plant in El Portal from sensitive cultural resource area• Remove development from known burials in Yosemite Village
<i>Cultural Landscape Resources (including Historic Sites and Structures)</i>		
Historic Bridges	Retain all historic bridges (Tenaya Creek, Happy Isles, Clark's, Sugar Pine, Ahwahnee, Stoneman, Housekeeping, Superintendent's, Yosemite Creek, and Pohono)	Remove two historic bridges: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sugar Pine• Stoneman, if necessary upon further evaluation after removal of Sugar Pine
Historic Superintendent's House (Residence 1)	Superintendent's House (Residence 1) neither rehabilitated nor removed	Relocate Superintendent's House (Residence 1) to historic district; re-habilitate for adaptive reuse; restore former site to natural conditions
The Ahwahnee	No changes to National Historic Landmark structure or setting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tennis courts retained	No changes to National Historic Landmark structure or setting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tennis courts removed
Yosemite Village Historic District	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No change to present designed landscape or historic structures• Retain Ahwahnee Row houses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rehabilitate designed historic landscape in residential district• Rehabilitate Museum Building• Retain Ahwahnee Row houses
Camp Curry Historic District	No change in individual historic structures or historic district <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Retain 427 guest tent cabins• Continue to use historic residences as employee housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Retain 174 guest tent cabins and original design intent• Retain and rehabilitate historic residences as lodging• Rehabilitate wood bungalows, some other accommodations, and Registration Building

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<i>Ecological restoration of California black oak communities</i>			
Remove tennis courts; restore area to natural conditions		Remove tennis courts; restore area to natural conditions	Remove tennis courts; restore area to natural conditions
Remove Superintendent's House (Residence 1) and restore area to to natural conditions		Remove Superintendent's House (Residence 1) and develop picnic area; restore River Protection Overlay to natural conditions	Relocate Superintendent's House (Residence 1) and restore area to natural conditions
<i>Ecological restoration of upland communities</i>			
Remove Ahwahnee Row houses and restore area to natural conditions		Remove Ahwahnee Row houses and restore area to natural conditions	Remove Ahwahnee Row houses and restore area to natural conditions
Construct visitor/transit center and day-visitor parking facility at Taft Toe		Construct visitor/transit center and day-visitor parking facility at Taft Toe	Taft Toe area remains as is (undeveloped)
Retain Church Bowl Picnic Area in upland/California black oak community		Church Bowl Picnic Area remains in upland/California black oak community	Remove Church Bowl Picnic Area and restore to upland/California black oak community
CULTURAL RESOURCES			
<i>Archeological Resources</i>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remove old treatment plant in El Portal from sensitive cultural resource area• Remove development from known burials in Yosemite Village		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remove old treatment plant in El Portal from sensitive cultural resource area• Remove development from known burials in Yosemite Village	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remove old treatment plant in El Portal from sensitive cultural resource area• Remove development from known burials in Yosemite Village
<i>Cultural Landscape Resources (including Historic Sites and Structures)</i>			
Remove four historic bridges: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sugar Pine• Housekeeping• Stoneman• Superintendent's		Remove four historic bridges: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sugar Pine• Housekeeping• Stoneman• Superintendent's	Remove two historic bridges: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sugar Pine• Ahwahnee
Remove Superintendent's House (Residence 1) and restore area to natural conditions		Remove Superintendent's House (Residence 1), develop picnic area; restore area within River Protection Overlay to natural conditions	Remove Superintendent's House (Residence 1) and restore area to natural conditions
No changes to National Historic Landmark structure or setting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tennis courts removed		No changes to National Historic Landmark structure or setting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tennis courts removed	No changes to National Historic Landmark structure or setting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tennis courts removed
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rehabilitate designed historic landscape in residential district• Rehabilitate Museum and NPS Administration Buildings as museums• Remove Ahwahnee Row houses• Construct fire station at edge of district		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rehabilitate designed historic landscape in residential district• Rehabilitate Museum and NPS Administration Buildings as museums• Remove Ahwahnee Row houses• Construct fire station at edge of district	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rehabilitate designed historic landscape in residential district• Rehabilitate Museum and NPS Administration Buildings as museums• Remove Ahwahnee Row houses• Construct fire station at edge of district
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Retain 150 guest tent cabins• Remove Tresidder Residence and Huff House• Retain Mother Curry Bungalow, Lounge, Registration Building, and bungalows		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Retain 150 guest tent cabins• Remove Tresidder Residence and Huff House• Retain Mother Curry Bungalow, Lounge, Registration Building, and bungalows	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Retain 150 guest tent cabins• Remove Tresidder Residence and Huff House• Retain Mother Curry Bungalow, Lounge, Registration Building, and bungalows



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<i>Cultural Landscape Resources (including Historic Sites and Structures)</i>		
Camp 4 (Sunnyside Campground)	No change in current extent or configuration; 37 campsites	Remove 5 westernmost sites; establish 33 additional sites east of original camp
Orchards	Retain (though not cultivate) historic fruit trees in: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lamon Orchard• Hutchings Orchard• Curry Orchard; parking remains in Curry Orchard	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Initiate genetic conservation program for historic fruit trees in all orchards• Retain, manage, and interpret Lamon Orchard• Neither remove nor cultivate trees in Hutchings Orchard• Remove trees from Curry Orchard; restore much of area to natural conditions; develop wilderness overnight parking in southern portion
<i>Museum Collection, Archives, and Research Library</i>		
	Collections remain stored in different areas of the park in Yosemite Valley, Wawona, and El Portal	Consolidate collections, including research library, in adapted or new facilities in Yosemite Village
VISITOR EXPERIENCE		
ORIENTATION & INTERPRETATION		
<i>Entrance Station Visitor Centers</i>		
	Seasonal information stations remain at Wawona, Big Oak Flat, and Tuolumne Meadows	Develop NPS visitor centers at or near park entrance stations
<i>Valley Visitor Center</i>		
	Principal visitor center remains in Yosemite Valley at existing facility	Construct new visitor center near day-visitor parking in Yosemite Valley
<i>Yosemite Museum</i>		
	Exhibits remain in lower floor of Museum/Valley District Building	Convert Museum/Valley District Building to museum; other educational and interpretive opportunities provided in the area
RECREATION		
<i>Multi-Use Paved Trails</i>		
	Existing trails remain	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Convert Northside Drive from Yosemite Lodge to El Capitan crossover to multi-use paved trail; close to motor vehicles• Construct new multi-use paved trail adjacent to Southside Drive between Swinging Bridge and El Capitan crossover• Happy Isles Footbridge to John Muir Trail replaced
<i>Stock Use</i>		
	Private stock use continues; overnight boarding at concessioner stable	Private stock use continues; no facilities for overnight boarding of stock; day-use corral established east of Curry Village

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CULTURAL RESOURCES		
<i>Cultural Landscape Resources (including Historic Sites and Structures)</i>		
Remove 5 westernmost sites; establish 17 additional sites adjacent to original camp	Relocate 5 westernmost sites	Relocate 5 westernmost sites
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Initiate genetic conservation program for trees in all orchards• Remove trees from Lamon Orchard; restore to natural conditions• Remove tress from Hutchings Orchard; restore to natural conditions• Remove trees from Curry Orchard; restore to natural conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Initiate genetic conservation program for trees in all orchards• Neither remove nor cultivate trees in Lamon Orchard• Neither remove nor cultivate trees in Hutchings Orchard• Neither remove nor cultivate trees in Curry Orchard	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Initiate genetic conservation program for trees in all orchards• Manage and maintain Lamon Orchard (though no replanting of trees as they die)• Manage and maintain Hutchings Orchard (though no replanting of as they die)• Remove fruit trees from Curry Orchard; develop part of area as picnic area; restore much of the area to natural conditions
<i>Museum Collection, Archives, and Research Library</i>		
Consolidate collections in rehabilitated existing visitor center, West Auditorium, and new building north of auditorium	Consolidate collections in rehabilitated existing visitor center, West Auditorium, and new building north of auditorium	Consolidate collections, including research library, in new facilities in El Portal
VISITOR EXPERIENCE		
ORIENTATION & INTERPRETATION		
<i>Entrance Station Visitor Centers</i>		
Develop NPS visitor centers at or near park entrance stations	Develop NPS visitor centers at or near park entrance stations	Develop NPS visitor centers at or near park entrance stations
<i>Valley Visitor Center</i>		
Construct new visitor center near day-visitor parking at Taft Toe	Construct new visitor center near day-visitor parking at Taft Toe	Retain and rehabilitate Valley Visitor Center in existing location
<i>Yosemite Museum</i>		
Convert existing NPS Administration Building to natural history museum; convert Museum/Valley District Building to museum of cultural history	Convert existing NPS Administration Building to natural history museum; convert Museum/Valley District Building to museum of cultural history	Convert existing NPS Administration Building to natural history museum; convert Museum/Valley District Building to museum of cultural history
RECREATION		
<i>Multi-Use Paved Trails</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Convert Northside Drive from Yosemite Lodge to El Capitan crossover to multi-use paved trail; close to motor vehicles• Construct new multi-use paved trail adjacent to Southside Drive between Swinging Bridge and El Capitan crossover	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Convert Northside Drive from Yosemite Lodge to El Capitan crossover to multi-use paved trail; close to motor vehicles• Construct new multi-use paved trail adjacent to Southside Drive between Swinging Bridge and El Capitan crossover	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Close one lane of Northside Drive from Yosemite Lodge to El Capitan crossover to motor vehicles and convert it to a multi-use paved trail• Close one lane of Southside Drive from El Capitan crossover to Swinging Bridge to motor vehicles and convert it to a multi-use paved trail
<i>Stock Use</i>		
Discontinue private stock use in Yosemite Valley	Private stock use continues; no facilities for overnight boarding of stock; day-use corral established east of Curry Village	Private stock use continues; overnight boarding at relocated concessioner stable east of Curry Village



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VISITOR EXPERIENCE		
RECREATION		
<i>Guided Trail Rides</i>		
	Guided trail rides continue; concessioner stable remains	Eliminate guided trail rides; remove concessioner stable
<i>Picnic Areas</i>		
Picnic Areas Retained	All picnic areas remain	Retain Cathedral Beach, Sentinel Beach, and El Capitan Picnic Areas
Picnic Areas Removed	None	Remove Church Bowl and Swinging Bridge Picnic Areas and restore to natural conditions
New Picnic Areas Constructed	None	Develop new picnic areas at Yosemite Village day-visitor parking area; near El Capitan (North American Wall); and group picnic area at Sentinel Beach
<i>Ice Rink</i>		
	Ice skating retained at present Curry Village location	Relocate Curry Ice Rink
<i>Lower Yosemite Fall</i>		
	Trail and parking remains	Redesign trails and remove parking
VISITOR SERVICES		
<i>Overnight Accommodations</i>	<i>1,735 Total Campsites and Lodging Units</i>	<i>1,461 Total Campsites and Lodging Units</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 475 campsites• 691 rustic lodging units• 181 economy lodging units• 265 mid-scale lodging units• 123 deluxe lodging units	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 500 campsites• 274 rustic lodging units• 405 economy lodging units• 159 mid-scale lodging units• 123 deluxe lodging units
<i>Camping</i>	<i>475 Total Campsites</i>	<i>500 Total Campsites</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 240 at Upper Pines (drive-in)• 78 at Lower Pines (drive-in)• 86 at North Pines (drive-in)• 30 at Backpackers (walk-in)• 37 at Camp 4/Sunnyside (walk-in)• 0 at Upper and Lower River• 4 at Yellow Pine (volunteer group walk-in)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 270 at Upper Pines (drive-in)• 45 at Upper Pines (walk-in)• 60 at Lower Pines (drive-in)• 0 at North Pines• 0 at Backpackers• 65 at Camp 4/Sunnyside (walk-in)• 0 at Upper and Lower River• 0 at Yellow Pine• 20 at Tenaya Creek (walk-to)• 10 at South Camp (group walk-in)• 30 at Backpackers/South Camp (walk-in)
Shower Facilities	Showers not available at campgrounds	Showers where feasible in campgrounds
Recreational Vehicle (RV) Hook-ups	No RV hookups in campgrounds	RV hook-ups in some Upper Pines and possibly Lower Pines sites
<i>Lodging</i>	<i>1,260 Total Lodging Units</i>	<i>961 Total Lodging Units</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 123 at The Ahwahnee• 264 at Housekeeping Camp• 628 at Curry Village• 245 at Yosemite Lodge	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 123 at The Ahwahnee• 100 at Housekeeping Camp• 487 at Curry Village• 251 at Yosemite Lodge

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RECREATION		
<i>Guided Trail Rides</i>		
Eliminate guided trail rides; remove concessioner stable	Eliminate guided trail rides; remove concessioner stable	Guided trail rides continue; relocate concessioner stable
<i>Picnic Areas</i>		
Retain Sentinel Beach and El Capitan Picnic Areas; improve Cathedral Beach and Church Bowl Picnic Areas	Retain Sentinel Beach, El Capitan, and Church Bowl Picnic Areas; improve Cathedral Beach Picnic Area	Retain Cathedral Beach, Sentinel Beach, and El Capitan Picnic Areas
Remove Swinging Bridge Picnic Area and restore to natural conditions	Remove Swinging Bridge Picnic Area and restore to natural conditions	Remove Swinging Bridge and Church Bowl Picnic Areas and restore to natural conditions
Develop new picnic area near El Capitan (North American Wall)	Develop new picnic areas near El Capitan (North American Wall), at Curry Orchard, and at the site of Superintendent’s House (Residence 1)	Develop new picnic areas near El Capitan (North American Wall) and Curry Orchard; in Yosemite Village; and at the Lower River area
<i>Ice Rink</i>		
Relocate Curry Ice Rink	Relocate Curry Ice Rink	Ice skating retained at present Curry location
<i>Lower Yosemite Fall</i>		
Redesign trails and remove parking	Redesign trails and remove parking	Redesign trails and remove parking
VISITOR SERVICES		
<i>1,431 Total Campsites and Lodging Units</i>	<i>1,423 Total Campsites and Lodging Units</i>	<i>1,597 Total Campsites and Lodging Units</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 449 campsites• 202 rustic lodging units• 387 economy lodging units• 270 mid-scale lodging units• 123 deluxe lodging units	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 441 campsites• 202 rustic lodging units• 387 economy lodging units• 270 mid-scale lodging units• 123 deluxe lodging units	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 585 campsites• 250 rustic lodging units• 447 economy lodging units• 192 mid-scale lodging units• 123 deluxe lodging units
<i>449 Total Campsites</i>	<i>441 Total Campsites</i>	<i>585 Total Campsites</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 255 at Upper Pines (drive-in)• 45 at Upper Pines (walk-in)• 40 at Lower Pines (drive-in)• 0 at North Pines• 0 at Backpackers• 49 at Camp 4/Sunnyside (walk-in)• 0 at Upper and Lower River• 0 at Yellow Pine• 20 at Tenaya Creek (walk-to)• 10 at South Camp (group walk-in)• 30 at Backpackers/South Camp (walk-in)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 255 at Upper Pines (drive-in)• 45 at Upper Pines (walk-in)• 40 at Lower Pines (drive-in)• 0 at North Pines• 0 at Backpackers• 37 at Camp 4/Sunnyside (walk-in)• 0 at Upper and Lower River• 4 at Yellow Pine (volunteer group walk-in)• 20 at Tenaya Creek (walk-to)• 10 at South Camp (group walk-in)• 30 at Backpackers/South Camp (walk in)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 255 at Upper Pines (drive-in)• 82 at Upper Pines (walk-in)• 60 at Lower Pines (drive-in)• 70 at North Pines (walk-in)• 0 at Backpackers• 37 at Camp 4/Sunnyside (walk-in)• 0 at Upper and Lower River (drive-in)• 10 at Yellow Pine (group walk-in)• 20 at Tenaya Creek (walk-to)• 21 at South Camp (walk-in)• 30 at Backpackers/South Camp (walk-in)
Showers where feasible in campgrounds	Showers where feasible in campgrounds	Showers where feasible in campgrounds
RV hook-ups in some Upper Pines and possibly Lower Pines sites	RV hook-ups in some Upper Pines and possibly Lower Pines sites	RV hook-ups in some Upper Pines and possibly Lower Pines sites
<i>982 Total Lodging Units</i>	<i>982 Total Lodging Units</i>	<i>1,012 Total Lodging Units</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 123 at The Ahwahnee• 52 at Housekeeping Camp• 420 at Curry Village• 387 at Yosemite Lodge	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 123 at The Ahwahnee• 52 at Housekeeping Camp• 420 at Curry Village• 387 at Yosemite Lodge	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 123 at The Ahwahnee• 100 at Housekeeping Camp• 420 at Curry Village• 369 at Yosemite Lodge



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VISITOR SERVICES		
<i>Food, Retail, and Other Services</i>		
Yosemite Lodge	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Three restaurants and two stores remain• Post office remains• Service station not replaced	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Three restaurants and two stores remain (one store reduced in size)• Remove post office• Service station not replaced
Yosemite Village	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Village Store retained• Village Grill remains• Degnan’s remains• The Ansel Adams Gallery remains• Post office remains• Art Activity Center remains• Village Garage remains• Medical and dental clinics remain	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Move principal grocery store to Curry Village; remove Village Store building; gift sales remain near new visitor/transit center• Develop appropriate food service and grocery outlet adjacent to day-visitor parking• The Ansel Adams Gallery remains• Post office remains• Relocate Art Activity Center to Wilderness Center building; remove existing building for redevelopment• Relocate public garage to El Portal and remove Village Garage building• Retain medical clinic in historic building• Remove dental clinic
The Ahwahnee	Retain all food and retail services	Retain all food and retail services
Curry Village	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All food and retail services retained• Ice rink, bike and ski rentals, Mountain Mountain Shop remain in present locations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Retain or expand food, grocery, and retail services• Ice rink relocated north of Meadow Deck building; relocate Mountain Shop and bike, raft, and ski rental to ice rink• Remove seasonal post office
Happy Isles	Retain modular snack stand	No food service provided
TRANSPORTATION		
TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT		
	Manage under Restricted Access Program when necessary	Prescribes a traveler information and traffic management system
PARKING		
<i>Day-Visitor Parking</i>		
In Yosemite Valley	Parking for day visitors remains scattered throughout Valley (1,393 to 1,662 spaces)	Parking for day visitors consolidated at Yosemite Village (550 spaces) and at out-of-Valley lots (about 1,490 spaces)
Out-of-Valley	No out-of-Valley parking for day visitors	Out-of-Valley parking for Valley day visitors: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Badger Pass (about 400 spaces)• Hazel Green (about 720 spaces) or Foresta (about 700 spaces)• El Portal (about 370 spaces)
<i>Overnight Parking</i>		
Lodging and Camping	Overnight visitors park at lodging or campground	Overnight visitors park only at lodging or campground
Wilderness	Wilderness parking (120 spaces) in lot east of Curry Village	Wilderness parking (150 spaces) for backpackers/overnight climbers in lot at Curry Village

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<i>Food, Retail, and Other Services</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Three restaurants and two stores remain (one store reduced in size)• Remove post office• Service station not replaced	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Three restaurants and two stores remain (one store reduced in size)• Remove post office• Service station not replaced	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Three restaurants and two stores remain (one store reduced in size)• Remove post office• Replace service station in Yosemite Village
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Village Store retained with new deli and reduced grocery and gift sales• Food service retained at Village Grill and Degnan’s• The Ansel Adams Gallery remains• Post office remains• Relocate Art Activity Center to Wilderness Center; remove existing building and restore area to natural conditions• Relocate public garage to El Portal and remove Village Garage building; redevelop area• Retain medical and dental clinics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Village Store retained with new deli and reduced grocery and gift sales• Food service retained at Village Grill and Degnan’s• The Ansel Adams Gallery remains• Post office remains• Relocate Art Activity Center to Wilderness Center; remove existing building and restore to natural conditions• Relocate public garage to El Portal and remove Village Garage building and redevelop area• Retain medical and dental clinics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Village Store retained with new deli and reduced grocery and gift sales• Food service retained at Village Grill and Degnan’s• The Ansel Adams Gallery remains• Post office remains• Art Activity Center remains in existing building; add visiting artist apartment• Relocate public garage to El Portal and remove Village Garage building; construct service station• Retain medical and dental clinics
Retain all food and retail services	Retain all food and retail services	Retain all food and retail services]
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Retain or expand food, grocery, and retail services• Ice rink relocated north of Meadow Deck building; relocate Mountain Shop and bike, raft, and ski rental to ice rink• Remove seasonal post office	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Retain or expand food, grocery, and retail services• Ice rink relocated north of Meadow Deck building; relocate Mountain Shop and bike, raft, and ski rental to ice rink• Remove seasonal post office	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Retain or expand food, grocery, and retail services• Ice rink remains in present location; Mountain Shop and bike, raft, and ski rental relocated to new facility at rink• Remove seasonal post office
No food service provided	No food service provided	Construct new snack stand
TRANSPORTATION		
TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT		
Prescribes a traveler information and traffic management system	Prescribes a traveler information and traffic management system	Prescribes a traveler information and traffic management system
PARKING		
<i>Day-Visitor Parking</i>		
Parking for day visitors consolidated at Taft Toe (1,622 spaces)	Parking for day visitors consolidated at Taft Toe (550 spaces) and at out-of-Valley lots (about 1,590 spaces)	Parking for day visitors consolidated at Yosemite Village (550 total spaces) and at out-of-Valley lots (about 1,365 spaces)
No out-of-Valley parking	Out-of-Valley parking for Valley day visitors: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Badger Pass (about 415 spaces)• South Landing (about 805 spaces)• El Portal (about 370 spaces)	Out-of-Valley parking for Valley day visitors: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Henness Ridge (about 370 spaces)• Foresta (about 660 spaces)• El Portal (about 335 spaces)
<i>Overnight Parking</i>		
Overnight visitors park only at lodging or campground	Overnight visitors park only at lodging or campground	Overnight visitors park only at lodging or campground
Wilderness parking (150 spaces) for backpackers/overnight climbers in lot east of Curry Village	Wilderness parking (150 spaces) for backpackers/overnight climbers in lot east of Curry Village	Wilderness parking (150 spaces) for backpackers/overnight climbers in lot at Yosemite Village



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	Alternative 1	Alternative 2
TRANSPORTATION		
PARKING		
Employee Parking		
	Resident employees park at or near residences; most commuting employees drive to workplaces; the concessioner provides optional transportation	Resident employees park at or near residences; most commuting employees required to use employee transportation system; commuter lot at El Portal
TRAFFIC CIRCULATION		
Northside and Southside Drives		
	Traffic continues on present one-way loop; east on Southside Drive and west on Northside Drive	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Close Northside Drive to motor vehicles from Yosemite Lodge to El Capitan crossover and convert to multi-use trail• Convert Southside Drive to two-way from El Capitan crossover to Curry Village and the campgrounds
Yosemite Lodge Area		
	Circulation remains in current configuration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reroute Northside Drive along southern perimeter of Yosemite Lodge• Construct new vehicle bridge south of existing Yosemite Creek Bridge• Retain existing Yosemite Creek vehicle bridge for multi-use trail
SHUTTLE BUSES		
In-Valley shuttle bus service		
	Shuttle bus serves existing east-Valley stops	Expand shuttle bus routes to Bridalveil Fall
Out-of-Valley shuttle bus service		
	No out-of-Valley parking areas; no shuttle bus service required	Out-of-Valley shuttle buses serve Badger Pass, El Portal, and Hazel Green or Foresta day-visitor parking areas
PARK OPERATIONS		
Headquarters		
	Administrative headquarters for concessioner and NPS remain in Yosemite Village	Relocate headquarters for concessioner and NPS to El Portal or another location outside the park
Stables		
	NPS and concessioner stables retained in the Valley	Relocate NPS and concessioner administrative stables to McCauley Ranch near Foresta
NPS Maintenance Area		
	Existing Valley maintenance area (including NPS Operations Building [Fort Yosemite]) remains	Redesign maintenance area to accommodate bus parking and light maintenance facility, district operations and shops; adapt NPS Operations Building if feasible
Fire Station		
	NPS and concessioner fire stations remain	Consolidate NPS/concessioner structural fire operations; construct two new fire stations, one in Yosemite Village and one in the Curry Village area

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Table A Summary of Alternatives		
Alternative 3	Alternative 4	Alternative 5
TRANSPORTATION		
PARKING		
<i>Employee Parking</i>		
Resident employees park at or near residences; most commuting employees required to use employee transportation system; commuter lot at El Portal	Resident employees park at or near residences; most commuting employees required to use employee transportation system; commuter lot at El Portal	Resident employees park at or near residences; most commuting employees required to use employee transportation system; commuter lot at El Portal
TRAFFIC CIRCULATION		
<i>Northside and Southside Drives</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Close Northside Drive to motor vehicles from Yosemite Lodge to El Capitan crossover and convert to multi-use trail• Convert Southside Drive to two-way from El Capitan crossover to Curry Village and the campgrounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Close Northside Drive to motor vehicles from Yosemite Lodge to El Capitan crossover and convert to multi-use trail• Convert Southside Drive to two-way from El Capitan crossover to Curry Village and the campgrounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Close one lane of Northside Drive from Yosemite Lodge to El Capitan crossover to motor vehicles and convert to multi-use trail• Close one lane of Southside Drive from El Capitan crossover to Swinging Bridge to vehicles and convert to multi-use trail
<i>Yosemite Lodge Area</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reroute Northside Drive along southern perimeter of Yosemite Lodge• Construct new vehicle bridge south of existing Yosemite Creek Bridge• Retain existing Yosemite Creek vehicle bridge for multi-use trail	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reroute Northside Drive along southern perimeter of Yosemite Lodge• Construct new vehicle bridge south of existing Yosemite Creek Bridge• Retain existing Yosemite Creek vehicle bridge for multi-use trail	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reroute Northside Drive along southern perimeter of Yosemite Lodge• Construct new vehicle bridge south of existing Yosemite Creek Bridge• Retain existing Yosemite Creek vehicle bridge for multi-use trail
SHUTTLE BUSES		
<i>In-Valley shuttle bus service</i>		
Expand shuttle bus routes to Bridalveil Fall	Expand shuttle bus routes to Bridalveil Fall	Expand shuttle bus routes to Bridalveil Fall
<i>Out-of-Valley shuttle bus service</i>		
No out-of-Valley parking areas; no shuttle bus service required	Out-of-Valley shuttle buses serve Badger Pass, El Portal, and South Landing	Out-of-Valley shuttle buses serve Henness Ridge, El Portal, and Foresta
PARK OPERATIONS		
<i>Headquarters</i>		
Relocate headquarters for concessioner and NPS to El Portal or another location outside the park	Relocate headquarters for concessioner and NPS to El Portal or another location outside the park	Relocate headquarters for concessioner and NPS to El Portal or another location outside the park
<i>Stables</i>		
Relocate NPS and concessioner administrative stables to McCauley Ranch near Foresta	Relocate NPS and concessioner administrative stables to McCauley Ranch near Foresta	Relocate NPS and concessioner administrative stables to McCauley Ranch near Foresta
<i>NPS Maintenance Area</i>		
Redesign maintenance area for district offices and maintenance shops; remove NPS Operations Building	Redesign maintenance area for district functions and maintenance shops; retain NPS Operations Building	Redesign maintenance area to accommodate bus parking and light maintenance facility, district operations and shops; remove NPS Operations Building
<i>Fire Station</i>		
Construct new NPS/concessioner fire station in Yosemite Village at edge of historic district	Construct new NPS/concessioner fire station in Yosemite Village at edge of historic district	Construct new NPS/concessioner fire station in Yosemite Village near site of Village Garage



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PARK OPERATIONS		
<i>Shuttle Bus Maintenance</i>		
	Shuttle bus maintenance remains at existing garage	Relocate shuttle bus light maintenance to existing NPS maintenance area; heavy maintenance to new facility in El Portal
EMPLOYEE HOUSING		
TOTAL EMPLOYEE BEDS		
	1,691 total employee beds in Yosemite Valley, El Portal, Cascades/ Arch Rock, Foresta, and Wawona	2,084 total employee beds in Yosemite Valley, El Portal, Foresta, and Wawona
<i>Yosemite Valley</i>		
	No change; 1,277 retained in Yosemite Valley	723 in Yosemite Valley
<i>El Portal</i>		
	No change; 290 retained in El Portal	1,037 in El Portal
<i>Wawona</i>		
	No change; 112 in Wawona (continue to use 112 beds in government-owned facilities for employees)	310 in Wawona (add 198 beds)
<i>Foresta</i>		
	No change (0 beds); 14 houses lost in 1996 A-Rock Fire not replaced	Reconstruct 14 houses
<i>Cascades and Arch Rock</i>		
	No change; 4 beds retained at Cascades; 8 at Arch Rock	0 beds remain; Cascades houses removed; Arch Rock houses adaptively reused

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PARK OPERATIONS		
<i>Shuttle Bus Maintenance</i>		
Relocate shuttle bus light maintenance to Taft Toe; heavy maintenance to new facility in El Portal	Relocate shuttle bus light maintenance to Taft Toe; heavy maintenance to new facility in El Portal	Relocate shuttle bus light maintenance to existing NPS maintenance area; heavy maintenance to new facility in El Portal
EMPLOYEE HOUSING		
TOTAL EMPLOYEE BEDS		
1,862 total employee beds in Yosemite Valley, El Portal, and Foresta	1,964 total employee beds in Yosemite Valley, El Portal, and Foresta	2,118 total employee beds in Yosemite Valley, Wawona, El Portal, and Foresta
<i>Yosemite Valley</i>		
689 in Yosemite Valley	689 in Yosemite Valley	752 in Yosemite Valley
<i>El Portal</i>		
1,047 in El Portal	1,149 in El Portal	1,042 in El Portal
<i>Wawona</i>		
112 in Wawona (no change; continue to use 112 beds in government-owned facilities for employees)	112 in Wawona (no change; continue to use 112 beds in government-owned facilities for employees)	310 in Wawona (add 198 beds)
<i>Foresta</i>		
Reconstruct 14 houses	Reconstruct 14 houses	Reconstruct 14 houses
<i>Cascades and Arch Rock</i>		
0 beds remain; Cascades houses removed; Arch Rock houses adaptively reused	0 beds remain; Cascades houses removed; Arch Rock houses adaptively reused	0 beds remain; Cascades houses removed; Arch Rock houses adaptively reused